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At Random

To Give Lecture On Alaska

Just a couple of days more—

WINTER WILL BE OVER.

Spring starts next Saturday.

Except for last week's storm, it has been a very delightful winter.

It is surprising how fast the snow is leaving.

It looked at one time as tho it would take until next summer for it to melt.

It was a rattling good thunder and lightning storm during Monday night. And the rain did much toward washing away the snow and dirt in the yards and streets.

The railroads are doing a capital job in defense.

The country needs YOU. There is a place for your services somewhere.

Have you enlisted for defense service? Do so any afternoon at Johnson's Furniture Store.

Another bond may be just what was needed to save the life of one of our boys at the front.

That might be YOUR boy.

If you've got any money, for God sake, buy bonds!

There is no place for glamour girls—and boys—in defense work.

It takes real substantial leadership. And with that must go tremendous sacrifice of personal time and interest.

It means a lot of hard work and planning in order to accomplish the success it MUST have.

Just about everyone is ready to do his part if shown what he can do. Let's go!

When our young men go forth to defend our frontiers, then the least we can do is to back them up at home.

We would hate to believe that while our boys are helping to man the guns, and planes, and battleships, and submarines that we at home weren't doing everything possible to win the war.

It seems that every season that we approach, holds fascinating attractions.

The people of Ireland must be proud of St. Patrick.

He has kept them out of war.

Easter is April 5th.

Two more Sundays when we may attend church before Easter.

**in Setters
Go On Strike**

The pin setters at the North Woods Bowling alleys went on strike Monday night, demanding an increase of one cent a line.

Herman Sluyter, the proprietor, said it came as a surprise to him as the matter had never been discussed between himself and the pin boys. At the present time the pin setters are paid 5 cents a line. It is claimed that the boys, all of whom are in school, make from \$8.00 to \$12.00 a week.

The strike petition offered as one of their reasons for the demand was that they were charged 15¢ a line whenever they used the alleys. Formerly they were allowed a certain number of free games. The regular price to customers is 20¢ a line.

The notice of strike was served just before four teams were about to start on matched games. This held the games up for about a half hour. The six cents per line demand was met when the players agreed to pay the extra one cent that night.

After the games that night the boys were notified that their services were no longer required. On Tuesday night there was a large crowd of boys in front of the bowling alleys but, as far as we have been able to learn, they made no trouble. Pin setters were secured from Roscommon and the alleys are running again as usual.

I will be in Gaylord Friday and Saturday evening, March 20, 1942. Offices over Guggisburg Bldg., 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eyes examined and glasses prescribed. Dr. Kenneth W. Tinker, Optometrist, Grayling, Mich.



BEN EAST

mile summer cruise through sections of far off Alaska rarely seen by tourists or other visitors.

Leaving Michigan early last May, East and his wife spent the entire summer in Alaskan waters. They sailed from Seattle May 29 aboard the U. S. motorship Brown Bear, returning to Seattle at the end of August aboard a commercial passenger ship. Their three months of roving carried them along the entire southern Alaskan coast, into

widely known towns and cities to the big defense bases under construction by the United States Navy and Army, to the lonely mountainous islands of the Aleutians and to native villages with only one or two white residents.

The entire story of the trip is told in Kodachrome film illustrating the lecture.

Blue-white Alaskan glaciers, snow-capped mountains, smoking volcanoes, dead craters, incredible sunsets, vivid wildflowers and the villages and cities of Alaska and their people pass in swift review as the story unfolds.

The harvesting of Alaska's \$50,000,000 annual crop of salmon, and the taking of salmon on light fly rods are among the highlights of the picture.

Indian totem poles, old Russian churches, Juneau, the Alaskan capital and many wildlife shots add variety to the film.

Womans Club

Twenty-seven members responded to roll call at the meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Welsh Monday evening.

Following the business session

Mrs. Norman Butler, chairman of the program committee, told the club that owing to the icy roads Mr. O. I. Gregg of M.S.C., East Lansing, who was to have spoken to the club on "Landscaping" would be unable to be there, however, through Mr. F. D. Barnes, agricultural agent of Crawford and Kalkaska counties, they had procured Mr. Ralph Keyes, director of speakers for the Civilian Defense of Traverse City.

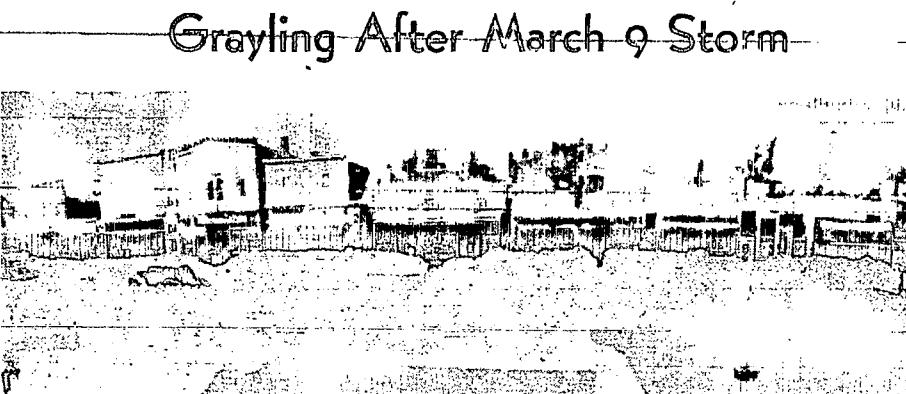
Mr. Keyes' talk was most interesting and left the club members with an inspiration to accomplish more in the future for civilian defense in Crawford county. They feel that very little has been done to prepare the county for defense emergency and it is their desire to do everything possible to put across an efficient program by cooperating with the Defense Council of this county.

Next Monday evening the club will meet with Mrs. Max Laage. Anyone wishing transportation will please get in touch with Mrs. T. P. Peterson.

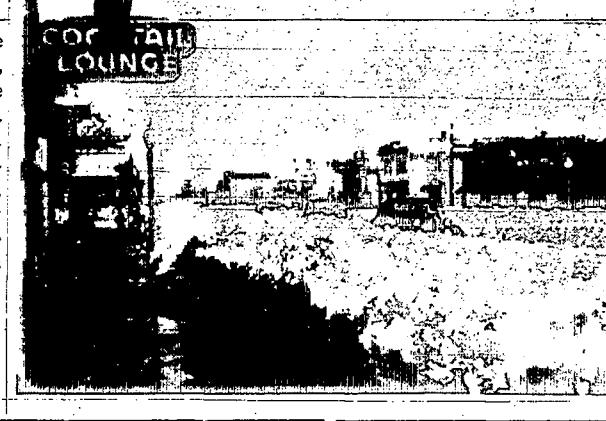
Notice to the Public

All persons handling, using, or having dynamite in their possession must secure a license to do so. "Under Federal Explosives Act," (Pub. Law No. 381, 77th Cong.)

Place applications with me, Lawrence D. Hunter, Explosives Licensing agent, at County garage, Grayling, Mich.



Grayling After March 9 Storm



The photos reproduced here were both taken on Tuesday, March 10, after the storm of the day previous, had cleared away. The panorama was taken by A. J. Trudeau from his studio, looking out from the front window, and the lower shot was made by Ivan Rice of the Avalanche force from in front of Shoppenagons Inn and looking up the street toward the intersection of Michigan Avenue and U. S. 27.

Grayling Getting Defense Plant

CHEBOYGAN FIRM LEASES GRAYLING MACHINE SHOP

Industries is certain to add much to the prosperity of our city.

There will be added working opportunities for men with the right type of mechanical experience.

defense parts. Mr. Maurice Dore of Cheboygan was here recently to check over the Grayling Machine shop, owned by Frank Ahman, and found it ideal for the uses for which he wanted it and entered into a lease with Mr. Ahman.

The plant will employ about 16 men at the beginning and it is expected that that number will grow to about 30. According to Mr. Dore there will be three eight hour shifts.

The first work will be to turn out winches. These are for winding cables used for letting out and bringing in observation balloons. On each end of a shaft is a bell or collar, about a foot in diameter. The shaft is about 18 inches in length and is hollow bored. The parts are milled on edges and center, to perfect diameters and dimensions.

Another large turning lathe and milling machine have been added to the already complete machine shop, and other pieces will be added as fast as needed. Extensive remodelling is going on in the shop, located near the AuSable river bridge on U. S. 27, and it is hoped to get the plant into full operation within a few days.

There will be three highly skilled machinists employed and the others to be men of mechanical experience and some knowledge of the machinist trade.

This addition to Grayling's industrial strength is a definite plus.

This was tried in justice court before H. Petersen, where on request of John Donohue of

Roscommon, attorney for Mr. Funk, and approval by Attorney Charles E. Moore, attorney for Mr. Dore, that part of the difficulty was settled.

Next the differences between the two men had to be ironed out and this was probably done privately out of court.

Instead of the milling machine being worthless or too small for the purpose it was wanted for, Frank Ahman says it is fine and is now in service.

Buy Milling Machine From Local Citizen

Needing an extra milling machine, Mr. Dore learned that Albert Funk had one that he would sell. Not being a machinist himself, Mr. Dore engaged Mr. Eli Mallby, also of Cheboygan, to look it over.

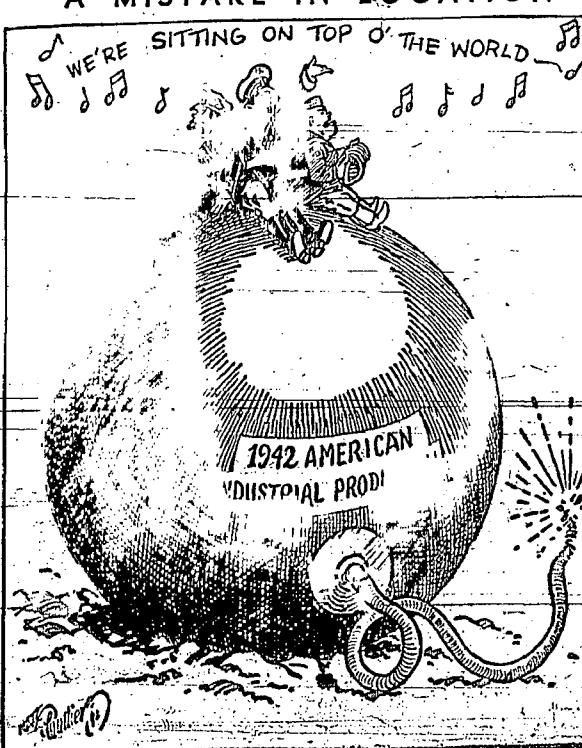
Mr. Funk asked \$100 for the machine. Mr. Dore said the inspector he had engaged reported that it was worthless and only junk. Mr. Mallby denies this and said it was all right except that it was too small for the intended use.

Then Mr. Dore tried all over Michigan to get the kind of milling machine he needed. In the meantime Mr. Mallby went to Mr. Funk and purchased the machine, paying \$10.00 on the purchase. This became known to Mr. Dore and he went to Mr. Funk and paid the balance of the \$100 and had a bill of sale made out to himself and Mr. Mallby, and the machine was delivered to the Grayling Machine shop, where it still is.

That started sparks flying. Mr. Mallby of Cheboygan wanted the machine and we are informed that he demanded of Mr. Funk that he deliver it to him. Accordingly a replevin suit was begun by Mr. Funk against Mr. Dore.

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A MISTAKE IN LOCATION



Special Truck Loading Restrictions

A true harbinger of spring was the announcement by the State Highway Department this week that special truck loading restrictions are now being enforced.

The spring loading restrictions are provided for by law at the discretion of the State Highway Commissioner during the period from March 1 to May 31. These special restrictions represent a 25 per cent decrease from normal load limits in the case of concrete pavements and a 35 per cent decrease on gravel roads or pavements without a concrete base.

Motorists were urged to be especially cautious on gravel roads. The Department stated reports from the southern part of the state indicated they were generally soft and muddy, and that similar conditions were expected to gradually spread northward as higher temperatures and spring rains produce more moisture than drainage facilities will handle.

Thos. Smith Dies At Home Near Lovells

WIFE WALKS MILES IN SNOW TO GET AID

Thomas Smith, age 65, died at his home on the West Branch of Big Creek, near Lovells during last week Thursday night.

Mrs. Smith was alone with him at the time and the next morning walked a distance of nearly five miles to Lovells to get help. She walked into the Stillwagon store in Lovells in a nearly shocked and exhausted condition.

The drifts in some places were over four feet in depth and al-

most impassable.

Reduction in the appropriation for this branch of the Government has resulted in 200 camps being closed. It was definitely stated that Hartwick Pines must be closed under the circumstances and the personnel there transferred.

It is clear that nothing can be done to stop this action unless a request by the State military authorities is made through the War Department to retain the personnel at Hartwick Pines. It would seem this could be based upon the requirements in connection with the military camp and the military airport at Grayling.

Mrs. Smith said her husband had been suffering from heart trouble for a number of years and died suddenly during the night. They came to Crawford county two years ago from Ann Arbor.

Mr. Smith was born in Vassar, March 29, 1877, and operated a tire business in Ann Arbor for 35 years before he retired.

Surviving are his widow; one son, Russell, of Ann Arbor; four brothers, George, of Atlanta, Mike, of Hulbert, Edward, of Cedarville, and Claude, of Saginaw; and two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Gillis, of West Branch, and Mrs. Mary Kibbe, of Warren.

Sincerely yours,

Roy O. Woodruff.

Storm Delays Finish Roscommon Oil Wells

Monday's (March 9) storm delayed completion plans on three closely watched oil tests in two different oil districts of Roscommon county but one new completion, the 23rd for the field, was scored despite snowbound conditions.

Mogul Development Co. brought in the State B No. 1, section 33, for an estimated 350 barrels of oil daily in the Traverse formation. It was the 21st producer to be completed on lands owned by the state.

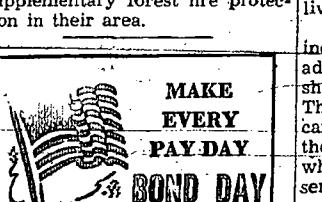
American Drilling Co. had casing set on top of the Traverse formation on both the State L No. 2, section 33, Roscommon, and the State M. No. 1, section 4, Franklin township. The State L well is a quarter mile northwest of proven production and the other American well is over a quarter mile southwest of a producer.

Farther north in Richfield township where only one oil well has been found to date, McClanahan Oil Co. was forced to suspend drilling on the Bauman No. 1, section 29, at a depth of 4,226 feet, about 50 feet from the capping point in the Monroe.—Bay City Times.

Need Volunteer Forest Fire Fighters

Enrollment of thousands of volunteer "forest fire cooperators" to help in the anticipated stiff battle against high natural forest fire hazards and sabotage will begin April 1, the state conservation department announced recently.

Enrollment will be open to residents of the north woods country, to semi-permanent residents who spend weekends there, and even to tourists there on a two-week vacation, providing, in all cases, they are citizens. Stressing the responsibilities of those enrolling, department officials will warn registrants that the department will be relying upon them in emergencies for supplementary forest fire protection in their area.



My dear Mayor Burke: This will acknowledge your telegram of March 5th.

I have a large sheaf of similar messages from other official bodies and from many individual citizens of Grayling.

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Every curtailment of this natural resource involves localized disadvantages. These disadvantages should be held to a minimum. Therefore, so long as any CCC camps are maintained (during the remainder of this war) those which have the best record of service should get the priority.

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Join the Michigan State Troops

Enlistments for enrollment in Michigan State Troops will be accepted by applying to Lt. Ernest Larson at his office in the warehouse at Camp Grayling.

A membership of 38 is required for forming a company. Lt. Larson will be in command and he will be assisted by Technical Sergeant Carlyle A. Brown.

Anyone desiring to enlist will be admitted at the camp by so informing the guard at the entrance.

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The Home Front

You can't sit out this war!
If you do, Hitler may be calling
the next dance.

The war involves all of us, whether you are raising Michigan corn on an upper eighty or directing one of the state's mighty industries. The farm must look to the factory and the factory to the farm—and both must be ever mindful of their brothers-in-arms on the battle line.

The farm is affected by what goes on in the factory and the factory only can continue to produce because of the farm. The duty of the Michigan farm is to grow more foodstuffs—and to save and make sacrifices. The duty of the Michigan factory is to turn out more weapons and more weapons—and to save and make sacrifices.

These are basic truths which are written and rewritten between the lines of each day's news. It is a mistake to ask why this group or that group isn't doing more toward victory, without at the same time asking:

Am I doing all that I can. What more can I do?

What are you doing?

.... I was never surer of anything in my life than I am that we either work together for the common good, or we shall inevitably share the common evil of defeat.

That was WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson speaking to American industry—labor and management. They are good words to be remembered in the days of toil and sacrifice to come.

Mr. Nelson will give the fourth and last of his series of nationwide radio speeches next Monday night.

United we stand—

Don't feel too snug because you've paid your income tax. That didn't begin to fulfill your financial obligation to your government. You must continue to buy defense stamps and defense bonds—more and more of them.

All America is at war—

America has three main fronts which demand manpower: the fighting front, the factory front, the farm front.

Selective service is taking care of the first. Intensive training and the employment of women must supply the second. The farm front will require its own mobilization. This will call for ingenuity, planning, hard work by farm leaders and groups.

We must attack all fronts.

Every time a 16 inch gun is fired, it eats up the distilled product of a fifth of an acre of sugar cane. Smokeless powder fires our guns. When you've saved nine-tenths of a pound of sugar, you've saved the equivalent of enough sugar alcohol to make, together with nitric acid and ordinary cotton, a whole pound of smokeless powder.

Remember this, when you line up soon to get your sugar ration books.

Save and sacrifice—

Round Robin

A round robin is a written petition, memorial protest, or the like, the signatures to which are made in a circle so as not to indicate who signed it first.

Wake Up, America—It's Late!

(By the New York World Telegram)

The nation needs to awaken to the full gravity of the peril that confronts it.

It needs to appreciate how badly we have been defeated in three months of war.

It needs to understand that it is possible for the United Nations and the United States to lose this war and suffer the fate of France—and that this possibility may become a probability if the present tide does not change.

It needs to realize that there is grave chance of the Japanese pushing through India and the Germans driving through the Near East, to join their armies and resources in an almost unbeatable combination.

It needs to get away, once and for all, from the comforting feeling that while we may lose at the start we are bound to win in the end.

Only when fully aware of existing perils will the United States do its utmost. Pray God that awareness will not come too late, as it did in France!

Production Director Donald Nelson appeals for vastly increased industrial output on a 24-hour, seven-day basis—168 hours a week. Maximum production, in short.

Can we get it?

Not on the present basis—not under the psychology of recent years.

Not until we quit thinking in terms of less work for more money.

Not while there is greater concern about overtime pay than overtime production.

Not while farmer politicians are more interested in higher prices than raising more essentials.

Not while government bureaus created to meet a depression emergency that is ended—continue to grab for themselves money needed for armaments.

Not while an army of federal press agents clamors to promote and perpetuate activities that have no present need or value.

Not while Congressmen try to put over useless canals and river schemes and take up the time of defense officials clamoring for factories and contracts as if war were a great gravy train.

Not while WPA, despite a shortage of labor, seeks to carry on projects which it doesn't have the men to perform or the need for performing.

Not while CCC and NYA stretch greedy hands for funds to pamper young men who ought to be in the armed forces or the war plants.

Not while strikes hamper war production, despite a solemn promise that they would stop.

Not while the life-and-death need for uninterrupted production is used as a weapon to put over the closed shop.

Not while double time is demanded for Sunday work which is only part of a 40-hour week.

Not while a man can't be employed on an army project or in a war plant until he pays \$20 to \$50 or more to a labor racketeer.

Not while criminal gangs control employment and allocation of men to work on the Normandie and the other ships along New York's vast waterfront.

Not while fifth columnists are pampered and enemy aliens move freely in defense areas.

Not while the grim job of preparing our home communities against air raids and sabotage is gummed up with a lot of highfalutin, boondoggling, social service activity.

Not while pressure blocs clamor for higher benefits, bounties and pensions.

We will not get maximum production, in short, unless, first, we fully realize our awful peril; and, second, get over the gummies of recent years.

Gimme shorter hours, gimme higher wages, gimme bigger profits, gimme more overtime, gimme less work, gimme more pensions, gimme greater crop benefits, gimme more appropriations and patronage, gimme plants for my Congressional districts, gimme fees and dues to work for Uncle Sam, gimme ham'n eggs, gimme share-the-wealth, gimme \$30 every Third.

France had the gummies, too—had them till the Germans were close to Paris. Then everybody went frantically to work—too late.

France has no gummies today—except gimme food for my baby, gimme a place to lay my head, gimme death.

Is Grayling Prepared?

Sharp-tail Grouse Released at Hartwick Pines

While airplanes roared overhead, hundreds of thousands of Michigan defense volunteers would be at their posts, ready for air raid bombing and fires. Should that happen in Grayling would:

Air raid wardens scan the skies?

Volunteer nurses be available for emergency calls?

Fire and police assistants report for duty?

On the theory that "it can happen here," mobilization of Michigan defense workers on the

front?

Streamlining of the civilian defense program is proposed by Capt. Donald S. Leonard, state commander of the Citizens Defense Corps, who honestly believes that Michigan cities are in danger of attack from the air during 1942.

Taking a sensible viewpoint of the problem, Leonard plans to utilize all existing government agencies in behalf of home defense.

It is the responsibility of each community, he says, to enlist volunteers to assist police and fire forces—as a good example—to meet possible war emergencies.

Instead of bickering about federal and state aid, and otherwise "letting George do it," citizens should cooperate immediately with official authorities in taking steps for defense preparedness. So far, Michigan is far behind in meeting its quota.

Among the likely targets for enemy air raids, it is explained, are the Sault Ste. Marie locks on the St. Mary's river canal, the ore docks at Escanaba, Detroit munition plants such as the Chrysler tank arsenal, and the new Willow Run Ford bomber plant near Ypsilanti.

Fantastic as the idea might have appeared three to six

Kiwanis Club Observe Anniversary

Wednesday was an important day for Grayling Kiwanians, for it was the seventh anniversary of the founding of their club. It has been seven long, short, happy, busy years since Dr. Clippert put up the sign and said "Let's have a Kiwanis club!" The response was spontaneous. Therefore on March 17, 1935, the then Governor Ben Dean of Grand Rapids came to Grayling and formally and officially presented the local club a charter.

The club has been functioning with good success ever since. Its accomplishments have well merited its existence.

Former Governor Speaker

This seventh anniversary of the club was celebrated Wednesday evening when the Kiwanians and their ladies enjoyed together a banquet at Shoppenagons Inn. The program was brief and enjoyable. Informal introductions of visiting guests listed Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Miller of Traverse City; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Glidden and Mr. and Mrs. Fox of Gaylord, and Mr. and Mrs. James Hodgson of Detroit.

The guest speaker was former Governor Gladwin Lewis of Traverse City. His subject was "Earmarks of a Good Kiwanian," which was quite inspirational and fully enjoyed. Gladwin is an excellent talker and made a hit with his audience.

The evening was spent in dancing, to the music of Bud Thompson's orchestra of Traverse City.

Examined By Army Doctors

The following were in Traverse City over last Thursday-night and Friday for medical examination before the Pre-induction Examining Board for the U. S. Army, sent there by the local Draft Board:

Marius Peter Sorenson
Horace LeRoy Failing
Devere Woodrow Dawson
Reginald John Sheehy
Eugene Richard King
Donald Budron Sturdivant
Otis Charles Feldhauser
Nels A. Johnson
Francis Bernard Callahan
Hans Paul Jungman, Frederick Ernest Arthur Lézon, Maple Forest.

Francis Leonard Czykyski
Leo Reuben Skinner
Russell Alger Peterson
Shirley Marchell Corsaut, Frederic.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all who were so kind and thoughtful in our recent bereavement, the passing of our father. Especially the County road employees who worked in the blizzard, and the others who worked—opening—the cemetery; those sending the lovely floral pieces. Rev. Kuhlman for his comforting words, and Mr. Butler for his kind acts.

"A friend indeed."

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Barth, Jr.

Information On Burns

Do Not confuse civilian first-aid treatment of ordinary burns with physicians' or hospital treatment of serious burns.

Burns are classified according to the "degree" or depth of which the body tissues are injured.

First degree—Skin reddened.

Second degree—Skin blistered.

Third degree—Damage or destruction of tissue, charring.

First and Second Degree Burns

In the field of home treatment we stress the importance of familiarity, simplicity, convenience and stability in the treatment used.

Never apply water; apply cold butter.

Clothes on fire: roll in a blanket or rug; never throw on water because steam generated causes further burns.

Third Degree Burns

Severe and extensive burns require special medical and hospital treatment. Call your doctor and follow his instructions.

Flowers Are Words

We give special care to floral offerings in arranging them carefully and in keeping them fresh. It is often necessary to such details that makes a difference in our service to the public.

NORMAN E. BUTLER
Grayling Funeral Home
Phone 3331
Ambulance Service

LOCALS

Phillip Faustman returned Friday from a business trip to Detroit.

Thomas Manion of Saginaw spent the week visiting Mrs. Manion.

James Lynch has been ill at his home for several days but is improving.

Amos Hunter and Charles Long left Monday for Chicago on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlund Eldred are moving into one of the Burke apartments.

Miss Thelma Hubbell of the Hobby Shop spent the week end in Detroit.

"Red" Nichols of Detroit is spending a few days at his cabin near Grayling.

George Burke, and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Welte spent Monday in Lansing on business.

Miss Helen Brady returned last Friday from a week's vacation in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Peter Madsen entertained the Danish Reading Circle at her home last Friday afternoon.

Sheriff John A. Papendick and Matt Bidvia spent Monday in Traverse City on business.

Miss Jane Bugby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bugby, is ill with the flu at her home.

Bill Wilson and Art Weideman of Detroit spent the week end at the Hans L. Peterson home.

Miss Eileen LaFave and Miss Ruth Stevenson spent the week end in Gaylord visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and daughter Iris spent Sunday in Mancelona visiting relatives and friends.

Richard Peterson of Jackson spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans L. Peterson.

Edward Feldhauser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Feldhauser, of Maple Forest, left for Fort Custer Monday.

Mrs. Louis Kesseler has been ill at her home the past week but is feeling much better at the present time.

Lawrence Kesseler and child of Gaylord spent Tuesday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Louis Kesseler.

Miss Dorothy Hutchins is spending a few days this week in Gaylord as the guest of Mrs. Wm. McCourt.

Natalie Peterson of C.M.C. of E. Mt. Pleasant, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Peterson.

Dr. and Mrs. Peckham of Gaylord are happy over the arrival of a daughter, born March 14th, at Grayling Mercy hospital.

Miss Kathryn Charron of M. C. C. of E. Mt. Pleasant, spent the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Charron.

Mrs. Thomas Cassidy returned from Grand Rapids Sunday where she visited her daughter Mrs. Victor Thelen and sister-in-law Mrs. Kelly.

Mrs. George Sachs of Lewiston is a patient at Mercy hospital. Mrs. Sachs had the misfortune to slip and fall on an icy walk, breaking her left ankle.

Mf. and Mrs. Harry Hutchins, Jr., and family of Detroit are now living in Grayling, moving here Sunday. Mr. Hutchins is employed at Hanson's garage.

Mrs. Eland Marshall and son, Mrs. Bartlund Eldred, and Richard Brady spent the week end in Detroit. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Eldred visiting their husbands there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corwin, Jr. and daughter Audrey of Saginaw spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Corwin and Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Larson.

Annual Tax Sale

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
ss.
County of Crawford

The Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, In Chancery.

In the matter of the petition of Vernon J. Brown, Auditor General of the State of Michigan, for and in behalf of said State, for the sale of certain lands for taxes assessed thereon.

On reading and filing the petition of the Auditor General of the State of Michigan praying for a decree in favor of the State of Michigan, against each parcel of land therein described, for the amounts therein specified, claimed to be due for taxes, interest and charges on such each parcel of land, and that such lands be sold for the amounts so claimed by the State of Michigan.

It is ordered that said petition will be brought on for hearing and decree at the April term of this Court, to be held at Grayling in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 14th day of April A.D. 1942, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that all persons interested in such lands or any part thereof, desiring to contest the lien claimed thereon by the State of Michigan, for such taxes, interest and charges, or any part thereof, shall appear in said Court, and file with the clerk thereof their objections thereto on or before the first day of the term of this Court above mentioned, and that in default thereof the same will be taken as confessed and a decree will be taken and entered as prayed for in said petition. And it is further ordered that in pursuance of said decree the lands described in said petition for which a decree of sale shall be made, will be sold for the several taxes, interest and charges thereon as determined by such decree, on the first Tuesday in May thereafter, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on said day, or on the day or days subsequent thereto as may be necessary to complete the sale of said lands and of each and every parcel thereof, at the office of the County Treasurer, or at such convenient place as shall be selected by him at the county seat of the County of Crawford, State of Michigan; and that the sale then and there made will be a public sale, and each parcel described in the decree shall be separately exposed for sale for the total taxes, interest and charges, and the sale shall be made to the person paying the full amount charged against such parcel, and accepting a conveyance of the smallest undivided fee simple interest therein; or, if no person will pay the taxes and charges and take a conveyance of less than the entire thereof, then the whole parcel shall be offered and sold. If any parcel of land cannot be sold for taxes, interest and charges, such parcel shall be passed over for the time being, and shall, on the succeeding day, or before the close of the sale, be reoffered, and if, on such second offer, or during such sale, the same cannot be sold for the amount aforesaid, the County Treasurer shall bid off the same in the name of the State.

Witness the Hon. John C. Shaffer, Circuit Judge, and the seal of said Circuit Court of Crawford County this 7th day of February, A.D. 1942.

John C. Shaffer,
Circuit Judge.

Countryside,
Bessie Peterson, Clerk.

fault of the payment so ordered of the said several sums computed and extended against said lands in said schedule, the said several parcels of land, or such interest therein as may be necessary to satisfy the amount decreed against the same, shall severally be sold as the law provides;

d. That your petitioner may have such other and further relief in the premises as to this court may seem just and equitable. And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Dated: February 2, 1942.

VERNON J. BROWN,
Auditor General of the State of Michigan, for and in behalf of said State.

Schedule "A"

TAXES OF 1939 AND PRIOR YEARS

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

TOWN NO. 25 NORTH, RANGE NO. 3 WEST

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 1:40 1939 3.78
N $\frac{1}{4}$ 3:350.88 1939 25.65
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 3:160 1939 12.31
S $\frac{1}{4}$ of S $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ except 15 acres sold to Small, 4 acres to John Smallwood and 1 acre to Clarence Small 5:20 1939 4.71
W $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 6:80 1939 13.41
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 6:40 1939 8.41
S $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 8:80 1939 12.12
N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 10:80 1927 1931 46.91
Unplatted part of W $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 11:12 1939 1.56
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 12:40 1939 4.71
E $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 13:20 1939 2.86
N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 13:20 1939 2.67
S $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 13:20 1939 2.67
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 14:40 1939 2.15
S $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ except 2 acres in NE corner 19:77 1939 15.82
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 22:40 1939 4.71
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 25:40 1939 7.15
N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 25:80 1939 7.49
W 60 acres of W $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 32:60 1939 6.56
N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 33:80 1939 9.71
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 34:40 1939 4.15
S $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 35:80 1939 7.31
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 35:40 1939 23.23
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 35:40 1939 4.34
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 36:40 1939 12.12
TOWN NO. 25 NORTH, RANGE NO. 4 WEST

E $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 1:84.76 1939 10.64
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ except 1 acre in SW corner for school 2:39 1939 8.41
N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 2:80 1930 1932 1934 1935 1939 130.91
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 4:40 1939 7.39
S $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 5:80 1939 8.41
N $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 10:80 1939 19.53
N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 11:40 1939 6.56
Commencing at NE corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 20, thence South on $\frac{1}{4}$ line 20 rods, West 16 rods, North 20 rods, East 16 rods to place of beginning 20:2 1939 1.37

VILLAGE OF PERE CHENEY

TOWN NO. 25 NORTH, RANGE NO. 3 WEST

Lots 1 to 10 inclusive 2 1939 1.98
Lot 2 20 1939 1.19
Lot 3 and 4 20 1939 1.37
Lot 1 and 2 21 1939 1.37
Lot 3 21 1939 1.19
Lot 5 21 1939 1.19
Lot 6 21 1939 1.19
Lot 7 21 1939 1.19
Lot 4 except South 118 feet of East 28 feet of Lot 4 32 1939 1.19
Lot 1 37 1939 1.19
Parcel A 37 1939 1.19
Lot 10 38 1939 1.19

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

TOWN NO. 27 NORTH, RANGE NO. 4 WEST

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 1:160 1939 25.70
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 1:160 1939 30.64
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 3:40 1939 8.41
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 3:104.19 1939 40.52
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 3:40 1939 8.41
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 3:40 1939 8.41
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 17:40 1939 10.88
E $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 17:80 1939 15.82

Commencing at a point which is 560.7 ft. W and 487.2 ft. S of the corner, Sections 7-8 and 17-18, T27N, R4W, thence S 89 deg. West 746.8 ft., thence S 14 deg. West 76.0 ft., N 89 deg. 45 min. East 746.8 ft., thence N 30 min. East 87.1 ft. to point of beginning. Part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 18:14 1939 8.41

Commencing at a point which is 583.2 ft. W and 508.4 ft. S of the corner, Sections 7-8-17 and 18, T27N, R4W, thence S 47 deg. 28 min. W 264.7 ft., thence S 76 deg. 9 min. W 519.9 ft., thence N 14 min. E 309.6 ft., thence N 89 deg. 45 min. E, 784.3 ft. to point of beginning. Part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 18:4.6 1939 8.41

N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 34:80 1939 13.35
TOWN NO. 28 NORTH, RANGE NO. 4 WEST

N $\frac{1}{4}$ 1:314.59 1939 40.52
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 1:40 1939 5.94
W $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 1:80 1939 13.35
S $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 11:80 1939 13.35
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 12:40 1939 10.88
N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 16:80 1939 15.82
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 23:80 1939 13.35
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ except R.R. R.O.W. 26:40 1939 7.18
E $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 27:80 1939 15.82
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of E $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 28:40 1939 8.41
N $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 30:80 1939 20.76
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 35:40.06 1939 5.94

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, March 20, 1919

Amos Buck of Michelson was in the city Tuesday, on business.

Mrs. Guy G. Pringle and youngest brother Oscar Olson left Tuesday for Detroit to join the former's husband who is employed in that city.

Mrs. Frank Causley of Bay City arrived Monday to spend the week here visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Mathiesen. Mrs. Causley will be remembered as Miss Genevieve Fobart, who made her home here with her aunt at one time.

Mrs. Burrows of Flint is visiting her son Arnold Burrows and family here for several days.

Mrs. Frank Mack of Gaylord is spending a few days here visiting her husband, who is employed in this city.

Charles E. Bingham, formerly of Grayling is reported as being very ill with pneumonia at his home in Bay City.

Miss Violet Woodruff of Bay City was in the city the latter part of last week, the guest of friends.

Captain Fred R. Goudrow of Bay City arrived the fore part of the week for a short visit with his father John O. Goudrow and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Clark entertained a number of the members of their family at a five o'clock dinner Monday in honor of their 33rd wedding anniversary.

Mrs. H. Seely and daughter Violet May of Bay City are spending the week here visiting Mrs. Seely's parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Bebb of du Pont avenue.

William T. Hammond, who is employed by the M.C.R.R. Co., and who, while on a run was taken ill, is suffering with pneumonia at Mercy hospital.

J. E. Crowley is in attendance at the annual convention of the Roadmasters and Maintenance of Way Association of America held in Chicago this week.

Mrs. John A. Johnson, who is in a serious condition at Mercy hospital, shows no improvement today. Mrs. Johnson was brought

to the hospital from her home north of town last Sunday. Her son Chris Johnson arrived yesterday from Fond du Lac, Wis., on account of her illness.

The new grocery store of Nick Schjeld was first opened to the public last Saturday and was visited by a large crowd of Saturday shoppers.

The basketball games at West Branch last Friday night resulted in defeat for both Grayling teams. The contest between the Grayling All-City boys and the All City team of West Branch ended in a score of 12 to 9 in the latter's favor. From reports this game must have been more or less of a football game. Anyhow

Roy Milnes received a severe gash in his head measuring an inch and a half long, and it was necessary to call a physician to dress the wound. Grant Thompson had both ankles sprained in the mix-up. Those of the All-City who went to West Branch were Alines, Thompson, Shahan, Dorothea, Roeser, Chamberlain and Brown. West Branch played in Grayling the Friday night previous, the score was 64 to 7 in Grayling's favor. West Branch must have put on some steam since then.

Mrs. Geletta Smith spent Sunday at her home in West Branch. John Balcer was in Bay City over Sunday, visiting at his home.

Mrs. A. E. Mason was at home to a large company of ladies Monday afternoon. It being St. Patrick's birthday, green was the

Karpus has been the phenom of the 1919 basketball season. It was his spectacular work that led to the Wolverine triumph over Northwestern and to the final which clinched the Ohio State contest. He has been the main cog of the Ann Arbor Maize and Blue offensive all season. "Karp" is a wonderful floor man, his dribbling, passing and general advancing of the ball being one of the sensations. He ranks fourth among the high-scoring men of the conference with 29 field goals and 34 foul tosses, a grand total of 92 points to his credit. Only such wonders as Gorgas of Chicago, Wilcox of Northwestern and Smith of Minnesota are ahead of him. Karpus will certainly prove to be another big sensation in the "Big Ten" next year. Arthur Karpus

Emerson Bates by his able scholarship and good physical condition has won the high honor of being appointed to enter West Point Military Academy. His

scholarship standing at the University of Michigan was sufficient to qualify him mentally. Physical examination was had at West Point first of the week, in which he was successful. June 13 he

will enter the Academy for a course of military training. He is the second Grayling boy to win such an honor. Edward E. Hartwick was the first. Emerson's Grayling friends will be pleased to know of his success, and our city feels proud.

Bert Defrain and daughter Betty were in Cheboygan last Monday visiting relatives. Mr. Defrain went to see his brother Fred, who recently returned from France.

Carlton Wythe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wythe, of this city was brought here from Rochester, Mich., Monday afternoon and taken to Mercy hospital in this city. The young man has been ill for some time.

Latest reports from the base hospital at Camp Custer say that Axel J. Peterson is feeling somewhat improved. On March 7, Andrew Peterson, father of the young man was called to Camp Custer by a message saying there were very slight hopes entertained for his recovery.

Sgt. Harry Hemmingsen arrived home last Monday afternoon from New York, where he has been at the Fox Hill army hospital at Staten Island, since his return from France.

Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Rodholm and two children of Des Moines, Iowa, arrived the latter part of the week to visit Mrs. Rodholm's father, Rev. Kjorstad, and wife.

Rev. C. E. Doty was called to Detroit Wednesday to attend a meeting of Bishop Henderson's Council and a great centenary convention. It is expected that there will be about 3000 delegates present from all over the state. Rev. Doty is the only

Rev. Herbert Nugent of Saginaw visited over the week end at the Wm. Vollmer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harmer and daughter Doris attended the Walters-Horton wedding at Wall Lake on March 14th.

At the ping-pong and pedro party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Post, the high score for Pedro went to Mr. Post and Mrs. Jay O'Dell; low score to Laura Wallace and George Benjamin. At Ping-pong high honors went to Mrs. Leo Bienschatz and Mr. Elmer Corsaut. Low score to Sydney Barber and Mrs. E. Corsaut. Prizes were Defense Stamps. A nice lunch was served.

Miss Mabel Stickney entered Petoskey hospital last Friday for treatment.

George Lodge spent the week end at his home here. He is employed in Pontiac.

David Shorts, Jr., age 71, of Manciona, lost his life while working in Petoskey when he was crushed between a load of logs and a load of ties. He leaves a widow, three sons Dick, Ace, and Elmer of Manciona, two daughters Mrs. Lena Thessler, Rose City, Mrs. Clara Patten of Moran. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Manciona. He was a stepson of Mrs. Maud Shorts of Frederic.

Chas. Armstrong, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, who was taken to Ann Arbor with a serious eye injury has had to have the eye removed. Mr. J. Armstrong left Saturday night for Ann Arbor to be with him.

That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13

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CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16

The Blood Heb. 0:22

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Midweek Services

Thursday—7:30 P. M.—Prayer and Every

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Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

Services at Frederic

10:30 a. m.—Sunday School.

8:00 p. m.—Evening Service.

Bible Study every Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Church Services

12:00 o'clock at Lovells schoolhouse.

Rev. Chas. Opitz, Pastor.

Tomahawk and Wrench form a "V" for victory in the hands of William Shonandoah. A great-great-grandson of an Iroquois Indian chief, he holds a veteran's medal for service in World War I.

Duffy's Tavern gets up business in a new work location when the popular comedy starring Ed Gardner on the diction destroying "Archie" moves to a Tuesday spot on the CBS network on March 17. Here is Archie polishing things up a bit for the get-a-opening.

John Army Camp Up-ton, L. L. Master Sergeant Claude Allen White, 35, a year-old grandfather, has gone back to his first love—the Army. He first saw service with the National Guard in 1906.

Interest Events In

Grayling 23 Years Ago

is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephan Karpus of this city.

Eldorado News (23 Years Ago)

James F. Crane, Treasurer of South Branch township, was in Grayling last week making his settlement with County Treasurer Jorgenson.

Miss Millie Hagaman spent the week end with her parents near Luzerne.

William Fowler and Charles Hager of Mio were called here by the death of Mr. McMaster, Mr. Fowler being a half brother of Mrs. McMaster.

Fred Hartman suffered a painful accident one day last week, getting two fingers badly jammed while loading logs.

Julius Kreuzer was quite badly hurt about the chest when one of his horses jammed him against the side stall.

Frank Richardson expects to finish cutting oak on the George Hartman farm this week. The timber being gone makes the place look like a skinned cat.

Letters from Camp

Barstow, Calif.
March 10, 1942

Dear Mr. Schumann:

I thought I would write another letter for your paper. I want to thank Mr. Leo Jorgenson, American Legion Post Commander at Grayling for the book called "Fall-in." I sure enjoyed it very much and will read it over again then pass it on to the rest of the fellows to read.

Well the weather here is rather windy tonight but it has been swell all day. I have been thinking of the folks in Grayling and wishing I could see them. I spend most of my spare time writing letters and listening to the war news over the radio.

I wish I could have seen the winter sports park this year as this is the first time I have missed seeing it in the last four years.

We went on a hike Monday about five miles and the Monday before we went up in the mountains about ten miles. We have been eating out of mess kits for the last two months but we are getting used to it now. So far we haven't had any shortage on sugar.

Hello Pvt. Clarence J. Galway. Why don't you answer my first letter? Did you get the picture I sent you the 14th of this month?

I will soon have five months in the army and last payday I drew \$30.00, a little raise of \$9.00, it will help anyway. We have night drill on the guns so we can learn more about them.

In my tent there are fellows from Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, Texas, and myself from Michigan.

Well it is 9:15, time for the lights to go out so will have to close for this time.

Keep 'em flying and fight for freedom.

Thanks for sending the paper.

Yours truly,

Pvt. Cecil Vickery.

Church News

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Rialto Theatre

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PROGRAM

SATURDAY—(only) MARCH 21

(Continuous from 2:00 P. M.)

DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

RICHARD ARLEN and ANDY DEVINE

In

"MUTINY IN THE ARCTIC"

JANE FRAZEE — THE MERRY MACS — MISCHA AUER

LEON ERROL — MARIA MONTEZ

In

"MOONLIGHT IN HAWAII"

ADDED—

"DICK TRACY vs. CRIME" Chapter No. 15

SUNDAY and MONDAY MARCH 22-23

Sunday Show Continuous from 2:00 P. M.

MADELEINE CARROLL — STIRLING HAYDEN

In

"BAHAMA PASSAGE"

News Events

TUES.-WED.-THURS. MARCH 24-25-26

BOB HOPE and VICTOR MOORE

In

"Louisiana Purchase"

Selected Short Subjects

FRIDAY—(only) MARCH 27

For Good Seats be here Early. Drawing at 9:00 o'clock

Screen Entertainment

CHARLES BOYER — OLIVIA DeHAVILLAND

PAULETTE GODDARD

In

"HOLD BACK THE DAWN"

Latest News Flashes



THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1942

Mrs. Addison Lewis of Flint spent last week end at her Lake Margrethe home.

Mrs. Henry Wilcox of South Bend, Ind., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

If you need shoes, buy now for better quality and less money, at Olson's.

Mrs. Herluf Soronson entertained the Junior Aid of the Grayling Lutheran church last week Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Wm. McNeven left Monday for Midland where she will visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Heath.

Miss Lillian Hoffman returned Sunday from a ten-day vacation in Detroit. While there she visited her brother Albert Hoffman Jr. and other relatives.

Eugene Corwin waited until Wednesday noon, and as there was no road out, he walked in 8 miles. One drift was so big he couldn't wade through so he says he just rolled over it.

Dan Babbitt was the first one to report an early robin. It showed up at Camp Wash-Ka-Da Wednesday morning. May we look for early spring weather.

UNITY IS ESSENTIAL

War production is being stepped up in this country to a fast tempo. It is apparent to all of us that this action must be taken immediately to produce the necessary items for use in the prosecution of the war.

The telephone industry, the same as other industries, is giving its full cooperation toward the war effort. Telephone communications are of vital importance in these crucial times.

The telephone industry has greatly felt the effect of the increased war production, as a major portion of materials normally available for telephone work are now being used for war purposes, and consequently, with the mounting increase in the national war effort, there will be less materials available for the production of civilian needs. In these circumstances, it is doubtful if the telephone company can escape the curtailment of service to some extent.

Under the conditions we will continue to provide the best possible service, but in the meantime, we solicit your cooperation and understanding of our problems.

Tri-County Telephone Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Millikin and two daughters were in Detroit over the week end visiting relatives.

The Danish Ladies Aid will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Hansine Hanson on Thursday afternoon, March 26th, at 2:30 o'clock.

All-American Tom Harmon, WJR sports announcer, is expecting his Army Air Corps call any day now. His first job may be to recruit an Air Cadet outfit at University of Michigan.

Malcolm W. Bingay, noted columnist of the Free Press will join the round-table in the "In Our Opinion" discussion on WJR at 12:30 P. M. Sunday. Baseball in war time will be under fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mayotte spent the week end in Bay City. On Sunday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hooper and daughter Judy, they visited Mrs. Mayotte's brother Benny Jorgenson, in Caro.

Grayling Lutheran church will have English services and communion on Sunday, March 29th, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. Danish services will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Rev. C. A. Stub of Greenville will serve the congregation on that day.

Miss Margrethe Bauman and Mrs. Harold Cliff were hostesses of the Hospital Aid last week Thursday, at the home of the former. Contract and gin rummy were enjoyed. Mrs. Holger Schmidt having high score for bridge and Mrs. Nels Olson for gin rummy.

Senator Prentiss M. Brown of Michigan sent the name of Ervin C. Dunckley to the Postmaster General with the recommendation that he be named postmaster at the Presidential post office of Frederic, Crawford county, Michigan. Dunckley's father, Lyle Dunckley, is now the postmaster. We are wondering why the proposed change.

100 pairs of women's slippers, values to \$6.00, for \$1.94, at Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger F. Petersen were guests of their son John Henry at East Lansing last week on the occasion of the M.S.C. senior ball. Over 900 couples were present. Music was furnished by the Bob Chester orchestra of New York. John Henry was general manager of the ball and its success speaks well of his management.

Mrs. Charles Moore was hostess to her bridge club at a very pretty luncheon at her home at Lake Margrethe Friday afternoon. Sweet peas made a colorful decoration for the small tables at which the guests were served. Mrs. Robert Hayes was honor lady for bridge. Guests of the club included Mrs. Glenn Penrod, Mrs. Royal Wright and Mrs. Hayes.

About 30 new Spring shoe styles are in for men, women and children, at Olson's.

A most attractive luncheon was given by Mrs. Harold Jarmain, with the members of her bridge club as guests, Saturday afternoon. Green carnations arranged in an Irish potato centered the luncheon table which also had other accessories of delightful St. Patrick decorations. Mrs. Stanley Stealy held the high score for bridge. Mrs. C. G. Clipper was an outside guest.

Rev. Edwin E. Hansen of Marlette, who visited the Grayling Lutheran congregation last Thursday, gave a religious lecture in the church that evening, using for his topic "The Need of the Hour." There was a large attendance and the lecture was followed by a social hour at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen. Coffee and a pot-luck lunch were enjoyed. During his stay in Grayling, Rev. Hansen was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jorgenson.

\$1.94 buys \$6.00 shoes for women, in all sizes and styles, at Olson's.

William Otto Babbitt, 21, son of Mrs. Howard Bunker, of Grayling, who recently enlisted in the U. S. Navy, has been received at the Great Lakes Training Station, Great Lakes, Ill., for recruit training. During the course of this training, which includes the elementary fundamentals of seamanship, he will be given an aptitude test to determine whether he will be retained for further specialized training in one of the Navy's several service schools, or be sent directly to sea for duty aboard one of the Navy's Men-of-War.

Michael John Sheehey was christened at St. Mary's church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Fr. James Moloney, and afterwards his aunts Mrs. Wilfred Laurant and Miss Odie Sheehey invited several friends to the Laurant home for tea. Pink and white sweet peas in a blue bowl centered the tea table. Little "Mike" was every bit the guest of honor and behaved like a little gentleman throughout the afternoon. He is the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald J. Sheehey.

See the Easter hand bags at \$1.00 to \$3.50, at Olson's.

Alfred Hanson was in Flint Monday on business.

Work at the McNamara Memorial airport is being held up owing to the slush and water.

Mrs. Lon Heath is recovering nicely from an emergency operation at Mercy Hospital on March 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith of Detroit spent several days last week at their cottage at Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Penrod enjoyed a week end visit from the former's brother, Lewis Penrod, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Trudeau and daughter Guinivere of Bay City spent the week end at their home here.

No one has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the City Council, caused by the resignation of Carl Jenson.

Mrs. Grant Thompson is in West Branch today visiting her father, Angus McPhee, and brother Edgar and family.

Get some of those \$6.00 shoes for \$1.94 at Olson's.

Jerry McClain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McClain, is thrilled over a ten-pound pike that he caught at Lake Margrethe Friday. Jerry is 14 years old.

A doctor does not always prescribe bad-tasting medicine. As proof, Doctor Keypart invited 18 men on the volunteer snow shoveling squad to free beers last Thursday night.

Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and daughter Karen spent last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gierke. Mr. Rasmussen came to accompany them home.

Mrs. Leland Marshall entertained her Just Us club Tuesday evening. The evening was spent playing pinochle. The lunch was carried out in St. Patrick day fashion.

Mrs. Carlos Laguire entertained her bridge club last week Thursday evening. There were two tables in play. Mrs. Floyd McClain had high score and Mrs. Holger Peterson, second high. Mrs. Holger Schmidt was a guest.

Mrs. E. J. Olson accompanied her sisters Miss Margrethe Failing of Bay City and Mrs. L. J. Douglas of Bishopric, Sask., to Seneca, Ill., where they visited their sister Mrs. Earl Wood and family over the week end.

Frank Sales left last Friday for Toledo to visit Mrs. Sales, who has been there for the past five weeks. The latter underwent an operation in a hospital in Toledo and is getting along nicely. She will be returning home in about three weeks.

Get Red Cross shoes for women at Olson's.

Richard Atkinson celebrated his 7th birthday on Sunday, March 8th, and 18 boys and girls were his guests for the afternoon. A real sleighride with his daddy as driver made the occasion a happy one. Returning from the ride Mrs. Atkinson had hot refreshments ready for the crowd.

St. Patrick's day was particularly important to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Clark, it being their 56th wedding anniversary. They received many messages of congratulations, many flowers and callers. And the family enjoyed this fine couple have the best wishes of everyone who knows them.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lozon and son Richard returned to Detroit Thursday after a couple of days visit at the home of Mrs. Lozon's father, Henry Jordan. They left Detroit early Monday morning to come to Grayling but were held up by the snow storm until Tuesday night at Roscommon.

Ben-East, travel editor of the Booth newspapers, will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis club next Wednesday noon. Later he will give his illustrated talk before the pupils of Grayling schools. This promises to be one of the most outstanding events ever to come to Grayling. More details concerning Mr. East and his address appears on the front page of this issue of the Avalanche. Try and hear him at one of these two places.

There are many persons in Grayling who will be saddened by the news of the death of Rev. Leo C. Broe, pastor of Our Saviors Danish Lutheran church at Manistee. It occurred in Portland, Maine, March 9th. He was 35 years of age and it is understood that his death was the result of a nervous breakdown. Rev. Broe held services in Grayling on many occasions where he made many firm friends. He had served the local church during the winter of 1937-1938.

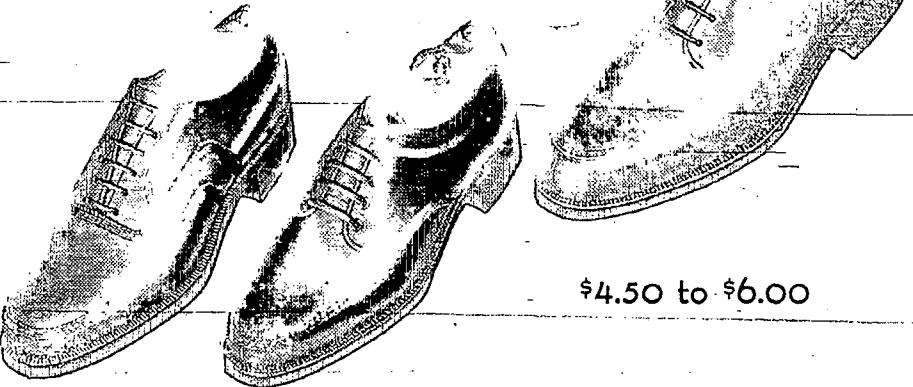
As pastor of the Manistee church from 1938 until the spring of 1941 Rev. Broe resigned and entered the Gettysburg Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania.

He was there but a month or two when he suffered a nervous breakdown and had been at a sanitarium in Vermont. It was at his mother's home in Maine, where he passed away. He it was who conducted the funeral services of the late Nick Schjeldt.

Smoke signals for spring

Roblee Moccasins

There's a heap big comfort in our new Roblee Moccasins for spring. Roblee Moccasins are as hospitable as the West and as rugged as a redwood. It's that "good leather" feel that wins men to Roblees. The finest leathers that ever roamed the plains go into every pair. The stitching and details are as fine as Indian bead-work. See them at our store soon.



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Mrs. Emma Froelich of Plymouth visited her brother Albert Hoffman and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Olson are leaving Florida today on their return journey to Grayling.

Mrs. Joseph Cinciala and children returned Wednesday from a few days visit with her parents in Bay City.

Miss Katherine Peterson of C.M.C. of E. Mt. Pleasant, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Clyde Peterson.

Mrs. Kate Loskos and Mrs. Albert Charron entertained St. Mary's Altar society at the rectory Tuesday afternoon.

Carl Niclson left Wednesday for Harrietta, Mich., to plant fish in the lakes at that place, from Grayling Fish Hatchery.

Mrs. Dan Owens, Mrs. Sidney Robarge, Mrs. Al Stephan, Mrs. Roy Wolcott drove to Traverse City on business Tuesday.

Ora Ingalls, Herman Ingalls and Wilfred Wiseman left Tuesday for Milwaukee to work on boats on the Great Lakes for the season.

Mrs. Howard Nolan visited her mother Mrs. Frank Love and sister Mrs. Clair Robbins in Roscommon a couple of days this week.

Miss Beatrice and Virginia Peterson of C.M.C. of E. Mt. Pleasant, visited at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Peterson over the weekend.

Amos 'n' Andy (WJR) started their 17th year on the air last week. They've written all those millions of words, and they've had just one vacation—that one for two months.

Earl Gierke has enlisted in the U. S. Army and at present is stationed at Camp Custer. He visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gierke previous to going to his post.

William Moshier of Detroit is home spending a week with his mother Mrs. Hattie Moshier, before he leaves on a trip to the south.

E. B. Morley of Saginaw entertained ten guests at a steak dinner in the private dining room of Zael's Tavern Sunday afternoon. Mr. Morley and party drove here from Higgins Lake where they were spending the week end.

Jess Schoonover returned home from Fort Benning, Ga., last week, where he had been visiting his daughter Mrs. William Tufts and husband. Mrs. Schoonover remained for a longer time to be with her daughter, who has been dismissed from the hospital there and is getting along nicely.



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PEANUT BUTTER—Armour's Star 2 lbs. 33c

STRAWBERRY PRESERVES 2 lb. 25c

SAUERKRAUT qt. 10c

BACON SQUARES LB. 15c

WIENERS—large skinless LB. 23c

PICKLED PIGS FEET LB. 15c

EGGS—strictly fresh doz. 33c

SIRLOIN STEAK—Chicago beef LB. 40c

ROUND STEAK LB. 33c

TENDERIZED STEAKS LB. 35c

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BEEF KETTLE ROAST LB. 24c

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By GENE ALLEMAN
Michigan Press Association

Farmers are faced with a severe labor shortage, so warns Dean F. L. Anthony, department of agriculture at Michigan State College.

Anthony says farmers do not apparently realize the seriousness of the situation, caused by selective service demands. The American army in the last war numbered 3,673,888 men; on Nov. 11, 1918; today military authorities are talking in terms of a 10,000,000-man AEF.

Michigan workers in industrial defense approximate 400,000, according to George H. Fern, state director of vocational education. Today's labor surplus, due to conversion of automobile plants, is around 170,000. Within six months it will be replaced by a shortage, and Fern foresees great employment of women in war plants. The Ford bomber plant at Willow Run is expected to employ 12,000 to 20,000 women.

Vernon J. Brown, state auditor general, recently bought a farm four miles east of Mason where he was born 60 years ago. As the Ingham County News at Mason heralded the event: "After a lot of hard work he has been able to get back where he was 35 years ago (when he abandoned the farm for city life). Last Saturday he bought the old homeestead back. He intends to plant the farm to alfalfa, buy a half-

Curfew regulations for sale of gasoline and oil are expected soon, reports William A. Palmer, director of the Michigan Petroleum Industries Committee. Reasons: Reduced consumption of gasoline, due to automobile and fuel restrictions, is inflicting hardships on gasoline dealers; saving of electricity for industrial needs. But no rationing of gasoline is in prospect for Mid-West states. In fact, it's just the other way. Today's surplus of refined gasoline is the largest in many years.

A court decision on the civil service commission's interpretation of the new state amendment is expected at Lansing this week. Approximately 2,800 state employees, formerly sponsored by political friends, are involved in whether they were discriminated against by the commission which accepted certain merit systems (state police and state conservation departments, for example), results of examinations conducted in 1937 and 1939, but required them to take competitive examinations.

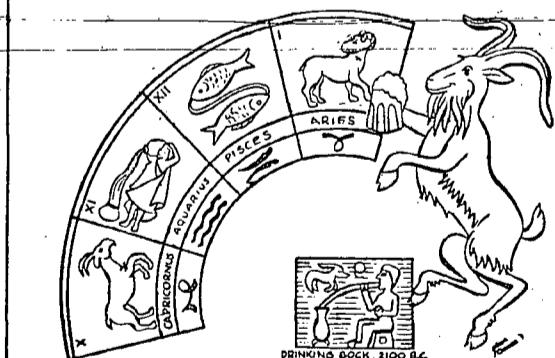
Shedding Stops After Cleaning
Don't be alarmed when your new broadloom "sheds." It does not mean that your prized new possession is melting away. It is merely the sloughing off of bits of wool embedded in the pile during the weaving and the shedding will stop after a few vacuum cleanings or thorough sweepings with a stiff broom.

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SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC REVEAL ANCIENT ANCESTRY OF BOCK



If you are toasting the arrival of Spring with Bock Beer, you may not know it, but you really are following the pattern of some far-off ancestor going as far back as the days of King Hammurabi, the great law-giver of some 4,000 years ago.

Archaeologists have dug up engravings on burnt clay which show ancient Mesopotamian couriers drinking their ceremonial beer and, believe it or not, the artist depicted an excellent likeness of the Bock Beer goat jumping at a circle believed to represent the sun.

Archaeologists turned to the records of the old astrologers for an interpretation and, after they found it, confirmed the fact that Billy Bock is in every farmer's almanac and has been for countless generations.

He's apparently a compromise between two of the symbols of the ancient zodiac — Capricornus the Goat, whose sign in the solar year occurs in December, and Aries the Ram, the first point of Spring.

Students of ancient brewing history believe there is no accident in the fact that the world's traditional Spring beverage is brewed of the finest harvest grains under the sign of Capricorn and served to the waiting public with the announcement of Spring, when Aries rules.

Until fairly recent times the New Year commenced with the first of March and the first foamy beer made with the choicest grains of the last harvest was a ceremonial New Year drink over a large part of the inhabited world. England changed the beginning of the legal New Year to January Jan. 1 in 1762.

Today, with mechanical temperature controls and fine materials available at all times, Bock could be made the year round, but its season is limited by tradition, being a heavier brew than most other types, suits the Early Spring taste, but most connoisseurs prefer the lighter brews the rest of the year. So the obliging brewmaster patterns his formula to conform to American tastes. Be sure to get The Detroit Sunday Times.

The Northern Lights

Alumni

Charles Wylie
Lillian Swanson
Kendall Stinchcomb
Alva Stephan
Stanley Stephan
Teresa Vallad
Ellen Speck
Corrine Streidom
Elmer Neal
Dorothy May
Pauline Lietz
Lewis Koncicka
Laura Knibbs
Ellen Gothro
William Garner
Elmer Fenton
Lewis Engel
Francis Brady
1930

Clara Bugby
Ella Fehr
Eleanor Gorman
Dorothy Hoesli
Ettie Hunter
Elsie Johnson
Joseph Kesseler
Donald Koivune
William Kolka
Walter Korhonen
Helen Lietz
Mary Mahncke
Marie Mallinger
Leona Markby
Elizabeth Matson

Visual Education

Last week's films were especially for the shop, "Furniture Craftsmen" pictured all the details necessary in making fine furniture. "From Trees to Lumber" traced a tree to usable lumber.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Wilbur of the Higgins Lake camp the film "The Builder of Men" was shown to several groups of students. This was our first all-colored picture and although the day was rather bright it was thoroughly enjoyed. The phases of physical, mental, vocational, emotional and recreational groups were discussed.

Seniors

"A few days ago the seniors picked out their class colors, blue and white. The motto "We enter to learn; we leave to serve," and the flower American Beauty Rose were also chosen.

Boys Club

The local Boys Club now boasts a member of 48 boys. At present two major projects are underway. About 20 boys are building solid airplanes for naval use and several are gathering waste paper. In less than a week's time weight slips for 4520 lbs. of paper have been checked in for 102 defense stamps and three 25-cent stamps.

It is interesting to note that 35% of the nation's paper is made in Michigan mills and over 25,000 lbs. of paper per week are needed to keep these mills running.

For each ton of waste paper gathered the government can produce any of the following: 1500 shell containers, 47,000 boxes for 30-caliber ammunition, 71,000 dust covers for airplane engines or 36,000 practice targets.

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Antlered Bucks Seen Near Grayling

Antlered bucks have been seen in the woods near Grayling as late as the first week of March, long after most deer normally have dropped their racks, Conservation Officer Lew Dorman reports.

Other sportsmen who have seen antlered deer are speculating about whether it was a lack of sufficient freezing weather to make the horns snap off at the burr, or whether it was the abundance and variety of the food available because of the mild winter that helped them keep their racks so long, Dorman says.

OUR WAR DESTINY... WILL IT BE AS NOSTRADAMUS PREDICTED?

"Everything's going to be O.K." according to uncanny 16th Century prophet, who foretold practically everything that has happened, including Japan's attack on the U.S., and now as will be told in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (March 22) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times... interpreters say his verses portend eventual victory. Be sure to get The Detroit Sunday Times.

Problems of Liquor Law Enforcement

(Editor's Note—This is the first of a series of two articles from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, designed to acquaint you with problems of liquor law enforcement and what you as a citizen can do to make conditions more to your liking in your community.)

In these war days, demands come to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a tightening of enforcement.

The Commission is entirely in sympathy with these demands. It believes its rules and regulations entirely fair and it holds no brief for those who deliberately violate them. However, framers of our present liquor laws never meant the Commission to be the enforcement agency.

Appropriations sufficient to provide only 15 investigators have been given us. That allows one investigator for all of the Upper Peninsula, two for that area of the Lower Peninsula north of the Bay City-Muskegon line. Obviously, they can do little more than their routine work of answering complaints, making required inspections and investigating applicants for licenses.

Power and funds for enforcement were given local authorities.

For instance, 85 per cent of all license fees—\$500 for every by-the-glass liquor establishment, \$150 for each beer garden, and up to \$1,000 for each hotel—is returned to the community for enforcement purposes.

However, the Commission has no authority to compel the use of this money for enforcement. If your township board diverts this money to new buildings or other purposes, it is within the law in doing it. If you want it used for enforcement, you must say so and if you do not insist this money be used for the purpose intended by your own local officers, the Commission is powerless.

If minors are being served in your community, if gambling is allowed, lewd shows permitted,

or other regulations violated, the Commission wants to know of it. It will see that action is taken. But first responsibility rests with your local officers and although the Commission stands ready at all times to call off an investigator from routine work and assign him to investigate a complaint, it would prefer that citations for violations come through your sheriff or chief of police.

Experience in other states has proven that most effective enforcement is obtained through enforcement agents operating directly under the Commission.

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Permanent Gun Permits

Permanent gun permits, which are now replacing all old annual gun permits, are being issued only upon receipt of written application at the Lansing office of the conservation department, the department again is reminding sportsmen who go gunning for non-game animals or carry guns for target practice. Applications may be filed through local conservation officers, however.

The new gun permits, good only while the holder has a current small game license in his possession, authorize the carrying of a rifle or shotgun in game country during closed game seasons, except in the 10 days before the opening of the season on small game. In that part of Michigan north of Saginaw, the permits are void between sunset and sunrise.

On the Atlantic side of the cobblestone highway, long since covered with jungle growth, were the cities of Nombre de Dios and Porto Bello. Nombre de Dios was founded in 1510, but has long since become a relic of bygone days.

Porto Bello means beautiful harbor, and it really is. I visited the old city last July and aside from the historical significance and the old ruins, the town itself is nothing. The old stone church is still standing and is being

Writes From Canal Zone

(Continued from last week)

The Indians can only count to ten, they understand nothing more in numbers than that; they have no names and no one knows exactly how old he is. I saw no old or infirmed people here and I am wondering if they have a custom similar to the Eskimos, but I did not have a chance to ask. Neither did I see the evidences of the many skin infections one sees on the mainland. I did see a baby with a black T-shaped mark on its forehead—to keep the evil spirits away.

The Indians immigrated from the mainland at an early date. The only records they keep are those preserved in song by the canticle, an Indian learned in the history and tradition of the tribe, and chanted at their fiestas. The basic Indian language has but four hundred words while basic English has approximately eight hundred so you can see it is a very simple language. They live from day to day and have no conception of what the outside world is like—probably just as well—and call a stranger, a "waker"; all wakers come from Colon because it is the only other place they know. The women seldom leave the region, some of the older ones have never been away—and only lately are they coming to Colon, but the men come from the Islands to work on the defense projects here. It is a hundred miles at least by water—a three day's journey in a cayuco. They have very short bodies and broad shoulders showing the effects of boat travel (they paddle them, altho now some of the more enterprising ones put sails on them) on a race for generations. The women particularly admire long noses and draw a line down the length of their noses from the middle of their forehead to the very tip to make them look longer.

We stopped at Portovenice on Sunday to clear the ships papers and came to Porto Bello. It was the only disappointment of the trip to me. I had looked for more. San Blas while crude and simple was clean and the people friendly. We saw no garbage lying around in the walkways between the houses there, for the Indians have their own disposal system built out into the sea. Porto Bello was dirty and the streets were muddy from a recent rain—they have as much as 10 inches of rainfall there in a single day. It is an old Spanish settlement and it was here the early customs house was built, as it was the Atlantic terminal back in the 16th century.

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There are many interesting things I might touch on were it not for the war and the conditions which make it impossible to do so. I read Mr. Hill's letter with interest, and noticed he mentioned several things on which we are unable to go into detail. I might say that we have a precautionary black-out during the early evening hours and I do not find typing by a small candle-powered light very conducive to accuracy with a typewriter. So far, though, I cannot say that we have any regulations that have been actually too disagreeable. I miss being able to have lights after 11 p.m. Up there, especially during the winter season the windows and doors could be covered with dark material and taped but here we simply have to have all our doors and windows open the year around. I will say this about the conditions here, everyone is surprisingly calm—a touch of that good old American complacency, I guess.

On the Pacific side of the canal, the first day of the Panama Canal, and plan to go to Panama City for a week and will tell you more about the later.

Kindest regards to all,
Ethel Pierce.

(Concluded)

used by the natives. It is in this church one sees the Black Christ, a statue of Christ carved from black wood, which seems as hard as stone, and supposedly black to correspond to the color of the people to whom it was being sent. It is about 300 years old, and on October 21st of each year is mounted on a platform and carried thru the streets as a part of religious ceremonies of the fiesta of the Black Christ. The old forts are in ruins, but what remains of the old dungeons may be seen, and any number of old cannon lie alongside the sea wall where they once defended this old Spanish stronghold.

There is an interesting old cemetery there and in Panama ground is rented for the burial of the dead, and when the family dies out or can no longer pay, their bones are consigned to the common pit. I noticed one of these also in the Panama City cemetery. The large city cemetery there is divided by a wall about 10 feet high and 6 feet wide in which are vaults where the dead are placed and sealed up. One of the most peculiar cemeteries, a small one, is outside the city of Panama; all the graves are marked with black wooden crosses with the name in white lettering and it gives a very weird effect.

In the floor of the church at Porto Bello I noticed crudely carved pieces of stone in the floor marking the graves of prominent people buried there in the 16th and 17th centuries.

One of the first pirates to visit this country was Sir Francis Drake. He and his men captured so much treasure they could not carry it all away in their two ships. He returned from England and burned Nombre de Dios, in 1595, but was stricken with a tropical fever and died. He was buried in the harbor of Porto Bello.

Sir Henry Morgan was the next English pirate to visit the isthmus. He burned and sacked Porto Bello and then moved against Panama Viejo, which was looted and burned in 1671. The old tower of San Gerónimo cathedral still stands, and it was from this church that the golden altar now in San José church in Panama City was taken. The city was laid out with wide cobblestone payments, and it is said there were two thousand houses and at least seven monasteries and a convent. The crumbling ruins still remain. The Golden Altar of San José is one of the treasures of Panama. I stopped in one Saturday afternoon as I was passing by and found it far more beautiful than any description I had heard of it. The main altar is of gold. A story is told how, when Morgan and his band came to sack the city, the priests of the church painted the altar and thinking it of no great value they passed it by. When the new city was founded in 1673 it was placed in San José church. The altar is fashioned of mahogany, exquisitely carved and overlaid with thin sheets of gold. It is excellently preserved and is now electrically lighted which adds to its beauty.

Everyone knows that the Canal was first started by the French and the engineer was De Lesseps. He spent 260 billion dollars in an attempt to build a sea level canal. Today as one rides along the Chagres river one sees evidences of the old French canal. And back in the jungle is still some of the old rusty equipment which they used. One of the army posts is named for this engineer—Ft. De Lesseps.

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